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Rep. Burke Indicted in Incident at Bar

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP)—A three-count indictment accusing Rep. J. Herbert Burke (R-Fla.) of disorderly intoxication, resisting arrest without violence and attempting to induce a witness has been made public.

The 65-year-old, six-term Republican

congressman was arrested nearly two months ago outside a nude go-go bar in Dania.

A Broward County grand jury returned the indictment about a month ago, but details were kept secret until the congressman received official notice of the charges Monday, two days after his return from a 17-day trip to China.

The indictment said in part that Burke "was intoxicated in a public place . . . and created a public disturbance by conducting himself in a loud, vulgar and offensive manner."

The second count of the indictment alleged that the congressman "unlawfully, knowingly and willfully" obstructed two officers "without intentionally offering or doing violence."

Count three charged that Burke "did attempt to induce a witness, Joseph Dangles, to testify or inform falsely, without using force, deception, threat or offer of pecuniary benefit."

Burke has contended that he never went into the bar and was only in the neighborhood after following two men he said he overheard discussing a drug deal. Burke is scheduled for arraignment tomorrow in Broward County Court.

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